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- The control by the WOP (Military Border Guard) of Polish seamen entering and leaving Polish ports has recently undergone a change.
- 2. Each member of a crew is issued two cards by a WOP officer after his ship has been examined on entering port. When a sailor goes ashore he surrenders one card to the sentry at the gangway and retains the second card. On his return to the ship the card which was handed to the sentry is returned to him. In this way the WOP keeps a continuous check on members of the crew who are ashore and those on board. A sailor, if he is in possession of a sailor's book, is not allowed to board his ship without one of these cards.
- 3. On 13 April 1955, a ship's examination on leaving port was conducted by two WOP officers. It consisted merely of checking the above-mentioned cards, sailor's books and other documents. The cards were taken away by the WOP officers.
- 4. A new type of sailor's book has been introduced and replaces those formerly in use. It is printed in Polish, English and Russian. In order to obtain this new-type book a questionnaire must be filled out and two photos supplied. At Gdynia this questionnaire is countersigned by the head of the cadres department of the PLO (Polish Ocean Lines) and on receipt of it the shipping department of the Gdansk Maritime Office issues a new type of sailor's book. The Office keeps the old books.
- 5. Ships' officers must now obtain a reserve officers' Service Identity Card (Legitymacja Wojskowa Oficerow Rezerwy) in place of the Officers Service Book (Oficerska Ksiazeczka Wojskowa). Before going to sea the new identity card must be left at the service section of the PLO (Referat Wojskowy PLO) and a certificate obtained in its place. On leaving port the certificate is examined by the WOP. This and all other personal documents are kept by the ship's master until the vessel is back in her home port.
- 6. The same procedure holds with regard to the Personal Document (Dowod Osobisty) which is held during the bearer's absence at sea by the commissariat of the Citizen Militia (Komisarjat MilicjiObywatelskiej) and a certificate given in exchange.

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